STFC MINUTES
Wednesday, Jan 31, 2007
Pence Union Building, 3:08 p.m.

Student Members Present:
Evan Buelt – ASEWU Technology Advancement – STFC Chair
Matt Hawkins – Student at Large
Brandon Kassap – Student Representative Pub Lab
Jared Daugherty – Student at Large
James Riddelle – Student at Large

Non-Student Members Present:
Stu Steiner – Faculty Senate
Dave Dean – Information Resources
Chin Kuo – Business and Finance

Ex-Officio Members Present:
Matt Brown – Consultant for Student Technology Fee
Burke Fitzpatrick – Consultant for Student Technology Fee

I. Chairman Evan Buelt called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. in PUB 303
II. Evan entertained a motion to approve the minutes from 11-29
   a. Brandon seconded
   b. Motion passed unanimously
III. New business
   a. Late proposal(s)
      i. Courtney Fleming Baldy’s laptop proposal
      ii. Dave moved to accept the proposal, but only proposals that were turned in same day they were due
      iii. Matt H. seconded
      iv. Motion passed unanimously
   b. Abstracts
      i. Burke handed out proposal abstracts
   c. Schedule for Winter Quarter
      i. Burke handed out tentative schedule
      ii. Schedule works
   d. Review/Questions for Cyber Café
      i. Matt B. discussed what kind of questions to ask,
      ii. Evan asked if they’ve been buying 4 games every year
      iii. Matt B. explained software allowance

Prepared by: Burke Fitzpatrick (Consultant for Student Technology Fee)
iv. Evan wanted to have it limited to 2 games
v. Matt B. listed stats for most used games as listed by Carl C. in proposal
vi. Dave said the allowance worked in the past
vii. Brandon said there might be an issue with login constraints
viii. Matt B. talked about issues with students camping on computers in R.R. versus M.P.R., also same students using facility
ix. Matt B. asked if data for session length would be useful
   (1) James liked that idea,
x. Dave said he was also concerned about login constraints, not sure if system would work. Also if only 17 students using facility $1,700 in fees for a $50,000 facility. Library for trickled out games to gamer group.
xi. Committee discussed how to increase usage of facility by other students, a student accessible library for old games
   (1) Game card with 50 hours of usage
xii. Chin requested data to evaluate who is using facility
   (1) Committee agreed it would help
e. Review/Questions for MARS lab
   i. Evan asked which students knew about MARS, two students had heard of it. Evan said MARS requested 1/7 of total Techfee budget
   ii. Stu was curious about checkout equipment
   iii. Evan asked about priority one items, are they applicable
   iv. Committee asked about stats, Burke read some of the stats for unique user, no stats available for checkout
      (1) Stu wanted stats for faculty vs students
   v. James asked about new equipment, and why they were requesting
   vi. Dave explained the hardware renewal program, trickledown
   vii. Matt B. was concerned about trickledown in MARS because the proposal wanted to trickledown back to MARS
   viii. Committee did a comp. count MAC, vs WIN
   ix. Chin said MARS showcase facility for specialized students
   x. Brandon said it would be more beneficial to have proposals for trickledown computers from MARS
   xi. Stu said it would be nice to determine the difference between what is being replaced and what is new
   xii. Jared asked for explanation of trickle down computers
xiii. Dave explained how MARS macs could go to biology

f. Review/Questions for PUB lab
   i. Burke handed out additional information about student print credit
   ii. Evan said President Arevalo has requested more funding for Spokane students. Also talked about proposals PUB, SPO, checkout
   iii. Matt B. said there was a new service for laptop checkout, gave a brief history of JFK laptops and the lack of interest by JFK in expanding facility
   iv. Brandon said it was also best bang for your buck
   v. Dave said he didn’t see a number/price for print costs, Brandon said it was on page 10, second line. Dave said $175k for renewal, 18k for print
   vi. Burke gave stats for logins for Fall 2006
   vii. Dave asked what process was for questions, argued that 114K price tag was for a facility right next to JFK with other checkout. It would be money not spent on other students, other campuses
   viii. Matt H. said it was also a service that was popular enough to expand
   ix. Evan asked Matt on numbers for checkout equipment, Matt B. said this proposal would increase total laptops to 190 for checkout
   x. Dave said the new student building at RVPT was amazing with laptops in classrooms and WI-FI capable. Dave was impressed with RVPT tech/gear
   xi. Chin said WSU controlled it, EWU could reserve room but WSU controlled/scheduled
   xii. Evan asked about print credit and what committee thought
   xiii. Matt B. asked Burke to pull up print credit stats
      (1) Committee talked about awareness of print credit
      (2) Burke said 50% don’t use print credit, 7% use all, 13% use all but a dollar: stats found on www.ewu.edu for 2004
      (3) Matt B. talked about how the chip versus swipe and IR contribution, how the print credit worked
      (4) Brandon asked if more could be given to those who use it, bump up amount to $10 with half the people not using it might not see a difference

g. Review/Questions for Riverpoint Lab
   i. Evan asked Chin for info on lab
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ii. Chin said lab had 60 computers and 1014 unique users, request for 2 years renewal on half of windows standard stations, along with server update, replacement

iii. Evan asked how many students were down there

iv. Chin said at least the 1014

v. Matt B. said at least 10% of student population at EWU was using RVPT lab

vi. Evan asked how many EWU students at RVPT

vii. Chin didn’t know, he doesn’t have numbers for Health Sciences program.

He described different population levels at different times of day

viii. Matt B. asked if replacing two servers with one server

ix. Chin said replacing one

x. Jared asked if computers were 2005 and 2006

xi. Chin said yes

xii. Matt B. explained that previous year’s committee had decided to move GACL labs 2 year replacement with replaced machines used for trickledown at Open Departmental Labs

xiii. Dave asked if trickledown was going to RVPT classroom

xiv. Chin said hopefully

h. Jared had to leave at 4:05

i. Review/Questions for JFK Laptops

i. Evan said for JFK library it was a must have service, requesting $140k, for highly used equipment

ii. Dave said $114 from Carl’s and $140k would be $254k for checkout

iii. James asked if it was wrong to say it was the most used service of STF

iv. Chin said the laptops cost more than the towers in PUB lab

v. Dave said hypothetically if PUB lab does checkout and it’s successful then would the committee add to that facility? Would 100% of budget or 50% for checkout, 1,200 units or 500 units or 300 units. Once you provide 300 for checkout it is hard to cut back to 100.

vi. Stu said the other problem is 3 places to checkout with logistical problems with problems

vii. Committee said perhaps the group should find a place that could hold several hundred units

viii. Evan asked Brandon if PUB lab could hold a lot of laptops
ix. Brandon said he didn’t think the space Carl planned on using could hold 300 laptops, maybe 30-40. Space would be an issue.
x. Advertising movement of facility would be hard but Matt B. pointed out that 4400 users in PUB would be easy to advertise
xi. Chin said it would be hard to find a sponsor for the facility
xii. Dave said the library is saying they are maxed
xiii. Brandon asked if we could force them to take on more
xiv. Chin and Matt discussed more student workers being funded to help them take on more laptops and now they are saying even with more people they won’t take more laptops
xv. Chin asked if Carl would be using millennium system to do checkout
xvi. Matt B. said Carl is looking at new software
j. Dave said he would argue for Carl now, Carl has track record, proven ability to do it, best chance of a successful startup like a new business. Carl could do it smart and efficiently
k. Brandon said we should ask what would Carl do with 300 laptops
l. Stu said he didn’t care if JFK or PUB had problems, the question is what is best for students, who will house service, who will serve students the best
m. Stu wanted a centralized place that served all student needs
n. Evan said JFK is moving that way with proposal 6
o. Stu was wondering why office and print services were not in JFK, why moving to it now
p. Students talked about using library for research versus doing homework, lack of office makes it hard to do homework but library is quiet place and good place to do homework
q. Brandon said most students are checking out laptops just to use office in the JFK because the PACs do not have office
r. Chin said installing office on PACs would decrease laptop checkout
s. Matt H. said he knew students who only had laptops for use, the checkout was their only option for a computer
t. James said transitioning laptops away from JFK could start by letting the PACs have office equipment
u. Matt B. said the laptops were really the only 24 hour lab the Techfee has
v. Brandon said also that the conversion of apps from 2003 office versus 2007
w. Evan asked Stu when CPLA would transition to office 2007
x. Stu said Fall 2007 at the earliest, has to do with new books, Sam’s software, and coordinating switch with labs for students to do homework

y. Evan asked about Avista,

z. Stu said they’d rather have 100% of software run on xp than 10% running on avista.

aa. Matt B. said STFC would be looking at about $20k in upgrade costs for new OS and office software

bb. Committee discussed new Microsoft products, compatibility, costs, and what kind of service packs would offer what kind of services for compatible files

IV. Evan asked if committee wanted to look at Carl’s laptops versus JFK laptops

V. Matt B. said any talk about phasing out laptop program should stay confidential

VI. Stu said they would have to ask Carl if he could handle 300 laptops, because if the answer is no, that kills the idea

VII. Brandon said it was also a question of what was best for students, are the students using the laptops in the library while they’re doing research with materials that would not be available in PUB lab. And what would Carl’s rental system be?

VIII. Matt B. mentioned that on laptop proposal they are asking for more employee hours but not asking for more equipment, which was what the extra hours were for.

a. Stu asked what the employee was, was it techewe?

b. Matt B. said it wasn’t, he explained the difference of the positions, imaging, repairing, checkout, customer service versus technical maintenance

i. Matt B. explained the Techfee funded worker history at JFK

ii. Stu asked if it was another $1k in wages, Matt B. said yes

c. Evan asked how many laptops would be trickled down

d. Matt B. believed it would be 24, and that they were pretty much dead

e. Stu asked if one could be used for Big Sky games

f. Matt B. said probably not, it was possible but they were not in good shape

IX. Review/Questions for JFK workstations

a. Evan said for 6th proposal JFK was trying to reinvent themselves with Office software in JFK.

b. Matt B. said they asked for new stations, last year STFC gave them 30 trickledown computers and they are asking for additional
i. Matt B. said a possible question would be why they need new stations
ii. Burke pointed out they were also asking for trickledown for PACs

c. Stu asked if it used the STF login system, Matt B. said currently no.
d. Stu wanted to know if they would use login system to track how students use it or react to it first before adding new stations. Stu wanted to see login stats regardless of trickledown or new machines. Also, would you take trickledown machines instead?
e. Dave said last year they asked for stand alone kiosks. What do kiosks costs? What other options instead of work stations
f. Chin said students probably want to sit down
g. Matt B. explained last year’s kiosks which weren’t really kiosks but sit down machines for printing
h. Brandon said it would be an ultimatum feature if we’re giving them so many machines then they should have office on them
i. Matt B. said the request came from complaints, and JFK has been historically against becoming a computer lab.
j. Stu was saying would JFK be asking for support or who would support the office apps if they received them.
k. Matt B. said they have the lowest computers, the 300mhz machines that were the oldest on campus. JFK was replacing the oldest computers
l. Brandon said he had problems with taking eng 101 and learning digital research if they couldn’t do homework
m. Evan asked where they would place the computers

X. Evan asked if another proposal or leave

XI. Evan motioned to adjourn
  a. Matt H. seconded
  b. Motioned passed unanimously
  c. Meeting adjourned 4:47 p.m.